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Masses: Saturday: 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil), 6:00p.m. (Spanish Mass)
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (Festive Sung Mass)
Holy Days: Usually 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. (check voicemail for Mass Schedule changes)
National Holidays: Usually 9:00 a.m. (or check Mass Schedule on the inside of this bulletin)
Weekdays: 12:00 noon

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment
Baptism: Parishioners contact the parish office - (515)244-3101 ext. 0
Marriage: Parishioners contact the office at least 6 months prior to requested date of marriage
Visit to Sick: Please inform office of any illness or hospitalization in the family
New Parishioners: Please contact the Parish Office to register as a member of our parish
Mass Homily: BasilicaofStJohn.org click on Live Telecast tab.
Pregnancy Hotline: For those considering abortion: 1-800-848-LOVE

**Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed
on him the name which is above every name.**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Today we begin the most solemn week of the Church's liturgical year, a week called Holy Week. It begins today with the commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem and will culminate at the great Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. During this week we recall the great events of the Lord's saving work for us. The new converts are brought into the Church as they profess their faith and receive the Easter Sacraments. It is a time of great joy and rejoicing. We, too, recall our own baptism and renew our baptismal promises and should be resolved to lead lives that are more pleasing to the Lord.

Please plan on coming to attend the great celebrations of the Paschal Triduum on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. With this Solemnity of Easter, let us renew our faith and return to the Sacraments and to the Holy Mass on a weekly basis. The schedule is in the bulletin and on the board in the vestibule of the Basilica.

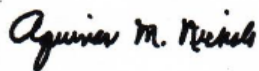
On Divine Mercy Sunday we will begin having coffee and donuts once again after the Sunday Masses. Come and join us as we strive to return to normal parish life.

Please make your pledge for ADA 2021 if you have not already done so. Envelopes are available at the doors in the ADA boxes which are clearly marked. We all need to do our part to make our goal this year.

This past week, text messages were sent to some parishioners stating that I am in need of itune gift cards, etc. **Please**, do not respond to these texts. I would **NEVER** solicit for gift cards, money, etc. over the phone, in a text or email or any other social media. Please **DO NOT** respond to these messages. Delete and block these from your phone if you get them.

May the Lord continue to bless you with every good thing during this holy season.

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 3/21/21

Total - \$10,072.09
Need - \$17,372.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
YTD Total - \$672,323.11
YTD Need - \$660,139.04

2021 ADA AMOUNT DUE TO THE DIOCESE: \$96,694.00

New ways to give to the Basilica of Saint John: Text-To-Give phone number. With Text-To-Give you simply put in a dollar amount and send a text to the following: (515) 293-4810. Scan the following QR Code for a one-time gift or setup an account.



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
MARCH 27 TO APRIL 4**

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 27	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Tom Salsberry Spanish Mass
SUN 28	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors +Jim Brookhart
MON 29	12:00PM	+Daniel Fish
TUE 30	12:00PM	+Benjamin Duffy
WED 31	12:00PM	Intentions of George Thommi

Easter Triduum

THUR 01	12:00PM 7:30PM	<i>Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper</i> NO MASS Mass of the Lord's Supper: + Ana Hue Tran
FRI 02	12:00PM 3:00PM 7:30PM	<i>Good Friday: The Lord's Passion</i> NO Mass Stations of the Cross Good Friday Liturgical Service
SAT 03	9:00AM 4:00PM 6:00PM 8:00PM	<i>Holy Saturday of the Lord's Rest</i> NO MASS NO MASS NO Hispanic Mass Easter Vigil: + Richard Vertz
SUN 04	8:30AM 10:30AM	<i>Easter Sunday</i> Parish & Benefactors + James E. Robinson

All the Masses and the Good Friday Liturgical Service will be livestreamed.

THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:
www.BasilicaofStJohn.org home page, scroll down to "Streaming Masses" & click on the tab to watch daily Mass and the Sunday Mass.

PRAYER CHAIN: Do you know someone who is in need of prayer? The Basilica Prayer Chain can help. To request prayers email Deacon Luke Tieskoetter at tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com or Terri at 321-2743 or sinc2@aol.com.

CATECHISM CORNER:

Last week's question: ***What is the Liturgy of the Hours?***
ANSWER: The Liturgy of the Hours, which is the public and common prayer of the Church, is the prayer of Christ with his body, the Church. Through the Liturgy of the Hours the mystery of Christ, which we celebrate in the Eucharist, sanctifies and transforms the whole of each day. It is composed mainly of psalms, other biblical texts, and readings from the Fathers and spiritual masters.



The Basilica of St. John

Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

Respect Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK MARCH 29 THRU APRIL 4

MON 29	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration RCIA##, NH
TUE 30	8:00AM	Organ Practice
WED 31	9:00AM 6:45PM	NO Adoration Adoration, Prayer #
THU 01	8:00AM	<i>Holy Thursday</i> <i>Parish Office closed at noon</i> Organ Practice
FRI 02	9:00AM 12:00PM	<i>Good Friday</i> <i>Parish Office Closed</i> NO Adoration Personal Prayer time until 3pm
SAT 03		<i>Easter Vigil</i> NO Reconciliation today RCIA Reception after Easter Vigil
SUN 04	8:00AM	<i>Happy Easter!!</i> NO Vietnamese Prayer Group
SIGN INDICATORS +++ = Choir Loft; ** = School; @ = Chapel; * = Rectory; + = Fr. Mulvihill Hall; ## = Church; % = Conference Room; (NH) = (North Hall); (SH) = (South Hall)		

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of March 29, 2021:

Monday:	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday:	Gn 1:1-2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

LIFELINES: Being “pro-life” and defending life are not things “added on” to our faith, or optional, “extra-curricular” activities. On the contrary, the whole culmination of the liturgical year leads us to the days when Jesus, by dying, destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life...Jesus endured the rigors of the passion... precisely because of how much he values human life. He did it for us. He did it because he wanted to raise human life to the heights of heaven. Through his Passion and resurrection, he does not only conquer his own death; he overturns the very kingdom of death. We cannot listen to or believe the Gospel of the Passion without marveling at how much God loves each human life,....Christ dies once for all, but Calvary continues today as innocent people are killed in abortion clinics nationwide. As John Paul II wrote, “It is precisely in the “flesh” of every person that Christ continues to reveal himself and to enter into fellowship with us, so that rejection of human life, in whatever form that rejection takes, is really a rejection of Christ” (The Gospel of Life, n.104). The Gospel of the Passion continues in our day...(Priests for Life, Fr.FrankPavone)

ONLINE VIDEO STREAMING SYSTEM: Would you like to help with our online video streaming system at the Basilica of St. John? Our current online video streaming is in need of some attention and upgrading of equipment. Since the beginning of the pandemic our viewership has increased immensely. Please consider helping with a donation toward the upgrade of our online video streaming equipment at the Basilica of St. John. If you have any questions, please reach out to Charles Stastny, Business Manager (515) 244-3101, ext. 205. Thank you for your consideration.



EASTER LILIES: We are asking for donations of Easter lilies to help with decorating the church. Please have them wrapped in gold foil, if possible. If you would like to donate them in memory of a loved one, you may include a note with their name and who donated it. **Delivery can take place THIS WEEK, Holy Week, March 29 through April 2.**



CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR YOUTH: **First Communion** will be celebrated on May 2nd at 10:30am Mass. Please keep these students in your prayers. Seats will fill up, so plan ahead if you wish to come early or plan to attend Mass at another time. On May 23rd at the 10:30am Mass Bishop Joensen will be conferring the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on 26 youth who have completed their two-year preparation. Please keep these young people in your prayers. Seats will fill up, and there is very limited seating. You may wish to plan ahead to attend Mass at another time.

SAVE THE DATE!: We are having Vacation Bible School (VBS) at the Basilica of St. John on June 7-11, 2021 from 9am to 2pm. The School Sisters of Christ the King from Lincoln, NE are coming to Des Moines to lead their VBS called **Cor Jesu Rex**. Students in grades 1-8 may attend. High school age youth are encouraged to volunteer during the day. The evening program is TBA for teens. More to come in future bulletins!



ADORATION & PRAYER: You are invited to join us every Wednesday from 6:45pm to 8pm to experience the beauty and power of spending time in Eucharistic Adoration. The night will conclude with Benediction.





GOOD FRIDAY—From 12pm-3pm there will be time for personal prayer in the Basilica. This is a solemn time for individuals who wish to take the opportunity to spend it in prayer. We ask that no other activity take place during this prayer time. Stations of the Cross will follow at 3pm.

MASS REQUESTS: Mass Intentions are full through the summer and very few are left for the rest of the year. Mass requests for this Fall will not be scheduled until August. If you would like a Mass said sooner we are still able to send them to St. Joseph’s Abbey in Louisiana. No specific dates, but they are said as soon as possible.

Sign up for the Basilica of Saint John *monthly* Newsletter. Use the following link to sign-up: <https://www.basilicaofstjohn.org/newsletter>. The Newsletter is a great way to update you on current events, such





Basilica of St. John
Holy Week Schedule
(March 29 through April 4, 2021)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week:

Daily Mass—12:00 Noon

NO Adoration on Monday, Wednesday & Friday of Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY — THE LORD'S SUPPER: *Livestreamed*
April 1, 2021

Parish Office closed at noon on Holy Thursday, re-opens Tuesday, April 6, 8:00 a.m.

NO Mass at 12:00 Noon.

7:30 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass, until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY — THE LORD'S PASSION: *Livestreamed*

NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament *April 2, 2021*



NO Mass at 12:00 Noon.

Parish Office closed

12:00-3:00 p.m. Church open for personal prayer time

3:00 p.m. Solemn Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. Solemn Liturgical Service of
the Passion of our Lord





HOLY SATURDAY OF THE LORD'S REST:

Livestreamed

Easter Vigil

April 3, 2021

NO Mass at 9:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m.

NO Reconciliation.

NO 6pm Spanish Mass

11:00 a.m.

RCIA Practice in the Basilica

7:15 p.m.

RCIA Meet in Parish Hall

8:00 p.m.

Solemn Easter Vigil

*****RCIA Reception following Mass - (Parish Hall)**

EASTER SUNDAY:

Livestreamed

April 4, 2021

The Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 a.m.

Mass

10:30 a.m.

Mass

EASTER MONDAY:

Livestreamed

April 5, 2021

Parish Office Closed


12:00 Noon —

Weekday Masses resume as usual

*A Blessed and
Grace-filled Easter to all!!*



April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4) <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u> Mass: 8:30am & 10:30 am- (Both Masses— <u>Livestreamed</u>)</p>	 <p>Holy Week</p>	<p>6) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>7) 6:45p: Adoration, Prayer (Ch)</p>	<p>8) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>9) 11-1p: Quincenara Prep Class (S)</p>	<p>10) 6p: Spanish Mass</p>
<p>11) <u>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</u> <i>Coffee & Donuts after both Masses</i></p>	<p>12) 6:30p: RCIA (H) 7:00p: 4th Degree KC Mtg. (School)</p>	<p>13) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>14) 5-6:45p: St. Thomas Academy Mtg (H) 6:45p: Adoration, Prayer (Ch)</p>	<p>15) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>16) 11-1p: Quincenara Prep Class (S)</p>	<p>17) 6p: Spanish Mass</p>
<p>18) <i>Coffee & Donuts after both Masses</i> 12p: Pastoral Council Mtg. (CR)</p>	<p>19) 6:30p: RCIA (H)</p>	<p>20) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>21) 6:45p: Adoration, Prayer (Ch)</p>	<p>22) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>23) 6p: Spanish Mass</p>	<p>24) 6p: Spanish Mass</p>
<p>25) <i>Coffee & Donuts after both Masses</i> 2:30p: Oblate mtg. via Zoom & in Parish Hall</p>	<p>26) 6:30p: RCIA (H)-Last</p>	<p>27) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>28) 6:45p: Adoration, Prayer (Ch)</p>	<p>29) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>30) 6:30p: First Reconciliation (Ch)</p>	
				<p>1) <u>HOLY THURSDAY</u> <i>Parish office closed at noon</i> *NO 12pm noon Mass *6:00p: NO Seder Meal *7:30p: Mass— (Livestreamed) *Adoration after Mass until 10pm</p>	<p>2) <u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> <i>Parish office closed</i> *12p: NO MASS *12-3p: Personal prayer time in the church. *3p: Stations of the Cross *7:30p: Good Friday Liturgical Service— (Livestreamed)</p>	<p>3) <u>HOLY SATURDAY</u> *11am RCIA Practice *6p: NO Spanish Mass *7:15p: RCIA Meet in parish hall. *8:00p: Easter Vigil (Livestreamed) *RCIA Reception after Mass</p>

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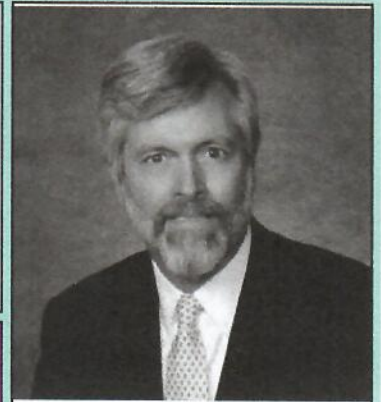
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